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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of:

HOWSE et al.

U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB99/02090

Entry papers filed on December 20, 2000

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING PESTS

Attention: PCT OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/GB99/02090. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended pages 14-17 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 14-18 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 14-17.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3, line 1, please cancel "or claim 2".

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, please cancel "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.